

for his dedication to quality education and high academic standards.

Becker College, which traces its history to 1784, is comprised of two separate campuses only 6 miles apart, one in Leicester and the other in Worcester, MA. The college serves more than 1,700 students from 18 States and 12 countries, and offers more than 25 diverse, top-quality bachelor degree programs in unique, high-demand career niches and serves as an invaluable community partner. In September of 2008 the Becker College Board of Trustees named Dr. Bascuas as interim president and since that time he has served admirably.

Dr. Bascuas brought more than 25 years of experience in higher education to Becker College. In addition to his teaching and leading experiences, he has written and coauthored numerous papers on psychological topics and has presented at symposia and conferences. Dr. Bascuas served as president of Medaille College, Buffalo, NY; founding president of Argosy University Atlanta, GA, campus; and held administrative and teaching positions at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Antioch University, Nova/Southeastern University and Salve Regina University. Moreover, he served recently as a site visit team chair for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and served on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Presidents Council. He received a B.A. from LaSalle University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Temple University.

Dr. Bascuas took on the role of interim president during a challenging time and was not content with simply being a placeholder. Dr. Bascuas was willing to tackle serious issues including technology, financial aid, and improving retention and graduation rates. He successfully positioned the College for significant growth rates and progress in the future, and for that, the citizens of Massachusetts greatly appreciate and commend him for his efforts.

Mr. President, I would like to wish Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas continued success in the future. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for his services at Becker College.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF "OLD FOLKS SINGING"

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I commemorate the 125th anniversary of "Old Folks Singing," a time-honored tradition in Tull, AR.

Each year, Tull residents and other Arkansans gather at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on the third Sunday of May to sing gospel hymns from the church's original Christian Harmony and Cokesbury hymnals. Since 1885, this event has brought together Arkansans for praise, worship, and fellowship.

Old Folks Singing is steeped in tradition. As event organizers proudly say,

"not much will change this year." The day begins with a prayer and welcome address before attendees join in song. After a potluck lunch and memorial service, the afternoon's music gets underway, ending with prayer and the final hymn, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again."

Mr. President, I also recognize the organizers of "Old Folks Singing," including President Richard Tull, Vice President Wilson DuVall, Secretary Karen Westbrook, Treasurer Lena Ramsey, and Chaplain John Victor Burton. Numerous other volunteers help the day run smoothly by coordinating lunch, serving as ushers, creating the church bulletin, leading songs, and various other tasks.

"Old Folks Singing" represents the best of our Arkansas communities. In good times and bad, Arkansans come together to share faith, family, and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great Arkansas tradition.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDY TENENBAUM

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Little Rock philanthropist Judy Tenenbaum and her lifetime of service for the people of our great State of Arkansas.

Judy will be recognized during this year's "Red Jacket Ball," an annual benefit gala for City Year Little Rock/North Little Rock, a leading nonprofit organization that unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service. Throughout communities across the U.S., City Year members are easily recognizable by their red jackets, which symbolize the power of citizen service and provide the namesake for their annual fundraiser.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Red Jacket Ball, and Judy joins a distinguished list of Arkansas philanthropists to have received this honor. Judy donates her time and resources to countless organizations throughout Central Arkansas, with causes ranging from the arts to cancer research to community development. Judy has touched thousands of Arkansans who may never know her name but who feel her generosity and support.

Mr. President, I am proud to call Judy a friend. We have worked together on a number of charitable projects throughout the years, and she is always willing and able to lend support where it is needed the most. I join all Arkansans in recognizing Judy with the Red Jacket Ball Lifetime of Service Award from City Year Little Rock/North Little Rock.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. ROCA, PH.D.

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a distinguished scholar, accomplished leader, and a treasured member of the Maryland family. Dr. Richard Roca, director of the Johns

Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, who will soon step down after a decade of distinguished leadership and service in that position.

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab is a national treasure. Since it was created in the early days of the Second World War, APL has helped maintain our Nation's military, our intelligence agencies, our space community, and our medical profession on the cutting edge of technological achievements. Now the largest university affiliated research lab in the Nation, the dedicated scientists, engineers, technicians, and researchers at APL have time and again solved the problems no one thought possible, and in the process kept us safe and secure. Since 2000, Dr. Roca has led this uniquely talented and diverse team of world renowned scientists as they rose to the challenges of the post-September 11 world.

Dr. Roca was the right leader at the right time to guide APL through these fast-paced and challenging times. Like many visionary leaders in his field, Dr. Roca understands that for a forward-leaning, high-tech institution like the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab can never be static. He knows that in order for APL to play its role solving the problems of the 21st century and helping our Nation's national security apparatus adjust to an ever-changing world, that APL itself must continually be updating and reinventing itself.

Dr. Roca's leadership over the last 10 years has embodied that mindset on continual improvement and self-reinvention. During his tenure, APL adapted to a changing world by expanding its roles and capabilities into homeland security, cyber defense, space exploration, and information-centric operations. After September 11, under Dr. Roca's leadership APL established the Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics—ESSENCE—at APL to monitor the threats from new diseases in the United States. That system is now on watch across the country to provide early warnings against new epidemics created by nature or by terrorist activity. Dr. Roca was also one of the first to recognize the threat from cyber attacks and call for comprehensive cyber defenses. It was under his leadership that APL established major partnerships with the National Security Agency to develop and test new cybersecurity tools. These are just a few examples of how Dr. Roca saw the world changing and mobilized APL to meet the new challenges. We are safer for his leadership in keeping APL on the cutting edge of helping counter new and emerging threats to our national security.

Dr. Roca also kept APL on the cusp of new explorations in space and science. During his tenure, APL helped design, build, and send satellites into space that have explored the Eros asteroid; that are enroute to explore

Mercury and Pluto, and which play valuable roles in understanding the Sun's impact on Earth's atmosphere. These contributions to understanding and exploring our universe cannot be overstated. They are major achievements that will lead to decades of scientific study and achievement.

So as Dr. Roca comes to the end of his tenure, I want to thank him for his tireless service, his devotion to excellence, his dedication to the mission of the Applied Physics Lab, and for his inspired leadership in keeping APL at the cutting edge of keeping our Nation safe and advancing valuable science in hundreds of different areas. We wish you the very best, Dr. Roca, in whatever the next chapter in your professional life holds for you. Wherever that takes you, know that you will always and forever be a member of the Maryland family.●

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY CLARA KRALICEK AND DELLA MARIE GOEGEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dorothy Clara Kralicek and Della Marie Goegen.

Dorothy and Della were born on April 8, 1920, at the family farm near Menominee, NE, where they learned about the true riches of family life. Today, they both live in Yankton, SD, continuing to pass along family values and faith as matriarchs of their vast families. Between them, they have 18 children and numerous grandchildren.

Dorothy and Della are both excellent homemakers and have recently enjoyed traveling together to several sites in Europe. On Mother's Day, May 9, 2010, both ladies will be honored by a gathering of family and friends in Sioux Falls, SD.

This honorable recognition is clearly well deserved. Dorothy and Della's dedication to their families is a shining example of the steadfast commitment, devotion, and inspiration they have freely given to everyone throughout their lives.

It gives me great pleasure to commemorate the 90th birthdays of Dorothy and Della and to wish them continued health and happiness in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—PM 52

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123b. and 123d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Agreement. In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), a classified annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately. The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed.

The proposed Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The proposed Agreement provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with Australia based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. The Agreement has an initial term of 30 years from the date of its entry into force, and will continue in force thereafter for additional periods of 5 years each, unless terminated by either party on 6 months' advance written notice at the end of the initial 30-year term or at the conclusion of any of the additional 5-year periods. The proposed Agreement permits the transfer of information, material, equipment (including reactors), and components for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It does not permit transfers of Restricted Data, sensitive nuclear technology, sensitive nuclear facilities, or major critical components of such facilities. In the event of termination of the proposed Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls continue with respect to material,

equipment, and components subject to the proposed Agreement.

Australia is a non-nuclear weapon state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Australia has concluded a Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Australia is a party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which establishes international standards of physical protection for the use, storage, and transport of nuclear material. It is also a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, whose non-legally binding guidelines set forth standards for the responsible export of nuclear commodities for peaceful use. A more detailed discussion of Australia's domestic civil nuclear activities and its nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices, including its nuclear export policies and practices, is provided in the NPAS and the NPAS classified annex submitted to the Congress separately.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested agencies in reviewing the proposed Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Agreement and authorized its execution. I urge the Congress to give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123b. and 123d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs as provided in section 123b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 5, 2010.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 24. An act to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

At 1:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the President's Export Council: Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. WU of Oregon, and Mr. SCHAUER of Michigan.

At 2:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by